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C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 1361

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : PFOR, OAU, GV

SUBJECT : PRESIDENT TOURE'S WITHDRAWAL OF GUINEAN STAFF
FROM OAU

REF: ADDIS 10166

1. BASSIROU BARRY OBVIOUSLY IN VERY SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH TOURE
REGIME. PARTY NEWSPAPER "HOROYA" IN SPECIAL EDITION OF
AUGUST 29 PUBLISHES TEXTS OF PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH AND DOCU-
MENTS REPORTED CONAKRY 1339 (NOTAL) WHICH IMPLICATE BARRY IN
ATTEMPT OVERTHROW REGIME. IN RESUME OF A MEETING OF THE
"CLANDESTINE COMMITTEE" OF MAY 12

1973, "HOROYA" SAYS "BARRY
BASSIROU RECALLED THE INFORMATION HE HAD ALREADY FURNISHED
TO LISBON AND SAID HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD HELP TO OVERTHROW
REGIME (I.E. SEKOU TOURE REGIME). HE ANNOUNCED HIS FORTH-
COMING POSTING TO GENEVA. HE INDICATED THAT DURING A MEETING
HE HAD IN DECEMBER AT PARIS WITH JACQUES FOCCART, THE LATTER
ASSURED HIM THAT THE MOVEMENT HAVING CONSOLIDATED ITS RESOUR-
CES COULD HENCEFORTH COUNT ON APPROPRIATE HELP FROM THE FRENCH
AUTHORITIES." THIS WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO GET BARRY

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HANGED SHOULD HE EVER RETURN TO GUINEA.

2. NAMES OF BENJAMIN, SOUMARE AND OTHER GUINEANS HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN ANY "REVELATIONS" SO FAR BUT MORE DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION ON PLOTTERS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PROMISED. BECAUSE OF A LETTER FROM ALLEGED "AMERICAN SPY", PATRICIA MORLEY, AMERICAN WIVES OF GUINEAN CITIZENS ARE ALREADY TENSE AND APPREHENSIVE. SHOULD BENJAMIN AND SOUMARE AND THEIR WIVES RETURN TO GUINEA NOW, THEY COULD ALL CERTAINLY EXPECT TO BE UNDER SUSPICION AND THE HUSBANDS AT LEAST TO UNDERGO INTERROGATION BECAUSE OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH BARRY. IF BENJAMIN AND SOUMARE REFUSE TO RETURN TO GUINEA AFTER BEING ORDERED TO DO SO, THE SUSPICIONS WOULD BE CONFIRMED. IN THE EVENT THEY REFUSE TO RETURN TO GUINEA AND DECIDE TO GO TO THE US WITH THEIR WIVES, THE USG WOULD PROBABLY BE PRESSURED TO SEND THEM TO GUINEA.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT HERE OF OAU SECGEN'S REACTION TO PRESIDENT TOURE'S INVITATION TO COME TO GUINEA TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF GUINEA "TRAITORS" IN OAU. BELIEVE THAT IF EKANGAKI WERE TO DISMISS BARRY AND MAKE CONCILIATORY REPLY TO TOURE, GUINEANS WOULD PROBABLY RESUME POSTING OF GUINEAN CITIZENS TO OAU.

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